

## **ST LUKE'S SHOCK NEWCOMB**

St Luke's turned on a powerful display of Tennis on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 1 competition preliminary final, shocking the fancied Newcomb team who managed only one set for the afternoon.

Newcomb lost top player Greg Steele during the week leading up to the final with a twisted knee, which was a blow to their chances, however the team still had balance with top players in the line-up.

St Luke's opened up well winning both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed doubles sets with Brianna Bateup and Jeremy Palmer-Morgan taking out the 1<sup>st</sup> set over Sascha Bruenjes and Peter Cullen and Vicky Stucky and Grant Thompson proving too strong for Bridget LeMaitre and Chris Higgins.

Newcomb's one and only set came in 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed when Joanne Puckett and David Kos defeated Abby Walker and Jared Bromley. From this point St Luke's dominated with their ladies winning all 3 sets of ladies doubles – the highlight being 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies when Stucky and Walker defeated the Newcomb pair of LeMaitre and Puckett 6/0.

St Luke's also won both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> men's doubles in tight fought sets, with 3<sup>rd</sup> men's not played as St Luke's Highton Uniting had the match well won, defeating Newcomb 7 sets 48 games to 1 set 28 games.

St Luke's will now meet top side Centre Court Blue in next week's Grand Final and on current form could surprise with Centre Court's top player Ry Davies in doubt for the decider. The match will be played at Newcomb Courts 3 & 4 plexi. Umpires – Newcomb and Ocean Grove. Referee, David Kos.

## **ST. MARY'S IN UPSET**

In the Section 2 preliminary final on Saturday St Mary's upset the experienced Gheringhap team with a solid 6 sets to 3 victory and will now meet Geelong Lawn in the grand final next Saturday.

Like Newcomb in Section 1, Gheringhap lost top player Andrew McInerney during the week leading up to the final with torn ligaments in his ankle also Bronwen Elford with a back injury, which proved costly as the Hap usually strong in mixed doubles – winning 2 of the 3 sets in the second semi-final against Geelong Lawn, lost all three to St Mary's gathering only 8 games in the process.

The 1<sup>st</sup> mixed was a surprise with Peter Rodgers and Ann Johnson outplaying the Hap's Anthony Leigh and Kathryn Reitter who have dominated in 1<sup>st</sup> mixed all season. Susan Bissett and Reece Johnson for St Mary's completely outclassed Elizabeth Smith and Daniel Reitter who replaced Andrew McInerney and Bronwen Elford in the line-up and did not concede a game.

Nicola McInerney and Shane Coutts for Hap fought out a tough set against Colleen Battye and Adrian Koorn, however went down in a tiebreak set. The Hap took out 1<sup>st</sup> ladies and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> men's sets to get themselves back in the match, however lost 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ladies and 3<sup>rd</sup> men's to lose the match 3 sets 37 games to St Mary's 6 sets 45 games.

Next week's grand final will be played at Newcomb, Courts 5 & 7 plexi with Geelong Lawn favoured to win well.

Umpires – Gheringhap and Grovedale. Referee – David Kos

## **SHELL INTO GRAND FINAL**

In Section 3 Shell overcame a weakened Ocean Grove team who like Sections 1 and 2 lost players to injury during the week and went down to Shell 4 sets to 2.

The Shell team of Brad Edwards, Rob Frampton, Aaron McLean and Ivan Bosnjak, will now meet the strong Hamlyn Park team of Jozef Horvat, Tony Lasic, Robert Arzanovski and Martin Elliott in the grand final next Saturday at Ocean Grove Courts 1 & 2 mod grass.

Umpires – Ocean Grove and Wandana Heights. Referee – Mark Thomas.

All senior and junior grand finals will be played this Saturday to conclude the Summer of tennis in Tennis Geelong.